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In re application of : Makos et al
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Examiner : Anthony H. Winner

Docket No. : 27475/05355
Customer No. : 24024

Title: ***Integral Locking Coupler***

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 3, 2005, the Applicant's undersigned representative submits the following amendments and remarks. The Applicant does not believe any fees are associated with this Amendment. However, please apply any required charges to the deposit account of Customer Number 24024.